

Response of the Committee of Colored Citizens⁸¹

Hon A. M. Waddell,
 Chairman Citizens Committee
 Wilmington N.C.
 Dear Sir
 We the colored citizens
 to whom was referred
 the matter of expulsion
 from from this com-
 munity, of the person
 and press of A. L. Manly,
 beg most respectfully
 to say that we are
 in no wise re-
 sponsible for nor
 in anyway endorse
 the obnoxious
 article that called

forth your action.
 Neither are we
 authorized to act
 for him in this
 matter; but in
 the interest of peace,
 we will most
 willingly use our
 influence to have
 your wishes carried
 out.
 Very respectfully,
 The Committee
 of Colored Citizens.

⁸¹ Later in life, Armond Scott claimed that the letter he wrote was not the letter reprinted in the papers. He indicated that the letter he wrote for the CCC acknowledged that Manly's paper had ceased publication two weeks before the election and, as such, the "alleged basis of conflict between the races has been eliminated." Sue Cody appropriately concluded that "if the other version of the letter had been published, even after the violence, the mob's actions might have drawn more criticism." Edmonds, *Negro and Fusion Politics*, 176; Cody, "After the Storm," 33; McDuffie, "Politics in Wilmington," 686. The original of the letter Waddell claimed was from the CCC (image above) is in the Alfred Moore Waddell Papers, Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill.